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POLICING & POLICY

New York City Experiment Found Mobile Light Towers Reduced Serious Crime

The Washington Post (5/14, Van Dam) reports on "a six-month, $5 million experiment initiated by the office of Mayor Bill De Blasio" in partnership with the New York City Housing Authority, the NYPD, and University of Chicago Crime Lab researchers. The experiment placed mobile light towers "at about 40 randomly assigned public-housing developments across the city." The lights "led to as much as a 59 percent nighttime decrease in serious crime" – or about what researchers "would expect from a 10 percent increase in police staffing" – according to a working paper circulated this week by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Congressional Legislation Aims At Curbing Gun Thefts

Newsweek (5/14, Stockler) reports, "A set of new proposals aimed at curbing the persistent problem of thefts from licensed gun sellers around the country was introduced to Congress on Friday by" Rep. Joe Morelle of New York. Firearms dealers "reported over 16,000 lost or stolen weapons in 2018," and "while down from a recent peak of 21,535 from the year before, according to data from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the number has barely budged from a similar total seven years ago." The Gun Theft Prevention Act "would install new requirements for licensed gun dealers, mandating, among other things, enhanced security features at gun stores, and would provide the ATF with additional resources to conduct inspections of delinquent sellers."

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COMMUNITY

House Judiciary Democrats Seek Documents On DOJ Oversight Of Police Departments

The Washington Post (5/14, Lowery, Zapotosky) reports House Democrats have "issued a sweeping request for documents related to the Justice Department's oversight of local police departments to assess the extent to which" the DOJ has "abandoned efforts to force reforms during the Trump administration." In a letter to Attorney General Barr, House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold

Nadler and committee Democrats "requested copies of documents and internal emails related to the department's handling of consent decrees and 'patterns and practices' investigations, during which federal investigators probe police departments accused of civil rights violations."

Chattanooga, Tennessee City Council Approves Creation Of Police Oversight Board

The Chattanooga (TN) Times Free Press (5/14, Hughes) reports, "The city of Chattanooga has approved the creation of a citizen oversight board for the city's police department." City Council members "unanimously voted in favor of the ordinance during its Tuesday night meeting." According to the Free Press, "The nine-member board, called the Police Advisory and Review Committee, will be a civilian investigative entity to review cases of police misconduct," and "its purpose, according to the ordinance, is to 'strengthen the relationship' between citizens and police and to 'assure timely, fair and objective review of citizen complaints while protecting the individual rights of police officers.'"

CRIME & DRUGS

UK Official: Number Of British Paedophiles May Be Higher Than Previously Thought

The Guardian (UK) (5/14, Dodd) reports, "The number of Britons with a sexual interest in children may be seven times higher than previously thought, the head of the National Crime Agency has said." Lynne Owens "said the revelation came after investigators scoured through sites for paedophiles on the dark web, finding an estimated 144,000 accounts linked to British people." The Guardian adds, "Estimates previously had put the number of Britons with a sexual interest in children at around 20,000; one unpublished estimate, which law enforcement did not seek to rely on, put the number at 40,000 adults." According to the Guardian, "It may be that some individuals have more than one account but Owens, speaking at an event in central London on Tuesday, said that in her professional judgment the number of paedophiles was much higher than law enforcement and government had realised." The NCA director general "said: 'I draw on two pieces of evidence. The first … is the 850% increase in referrals from industry since 2013. Then the second is this evidence we get from the dark web.'"

UK National Crime Agency Staff Struggles To Deal With Viewing Graphic Child Abuse Content ITV London (UK) (5/14) reports, "A former primary school teacher who spends her days policing the internet for images of online child abuse said her job involves 'seeing the absolute worst that human nature has to offer'." Shelley Abbott, National Crime Agency operations manager at the Child Sexual Abuse Exploitation Referrals Bureau, "told ITV News there was nothing she could do to truly prepare herself for the indecent images, a term she said 'does not encapsulate what we are looking at'," but "she said coping mechanisms are a key part in dealing with the graphic images and videos she sees every day at the NCA unit in Warrington." Abbott "said well-being is a major factor in keeping the business going, so new starters will be encouraged to have an immediate coping plan – such as taking a break from the screen when they feel affected by anything. Shelley Abbott and her team at NCA Warrington work everyday to combat online child abuse content."

Officials Say New York Garage Was Site Of Meth Lab

Newsday (NY) (5/14, Gralla) reports, "A clandestine meth lab was run out of the garage of a Long Beach home, officials confirmed Tuesday, after first responders found an unconscious and injured man on the lawn last week." Jovin Weinstock, 40, "who was taken to South Nassau Communities Hospital for treatment Friday, was arrested and awaiting arraignment on a felony reckless endangerment charge, police said Tuesday in a news release." According to Newsday, "Long Beach police officers responded to a call Friday morning about the injured man outside a detached garage on Beech Street, and investigators found unknown chemicals being heated in the garage." Newsday adds, "The Nassau police emergency services unit, police arson and bomb squad, the FBI bomb disposal unit, the county fire marshal's office, the DEA and Long Beach detectives searched and 'removed a substance' from the home, it said."

Chicago Police Taking New Look At Unsolved Slayings Of 55 Women

The Chicago Tribune (5/10, Sweeney) reports on "the strangulation deaths of dozens of other women in Chicago over the last two decades," and notes that Chicago police "have assigned a team of detectives to review the deaths more than a year after the Tribune first brought to light that at least 75 women ranging in age from 18 to 58 had been strangled or smothered between 2001 and 2017." The Tribune "found that 51 of the deaths still remained unsolved, prompting experts and law enforcement officials to suggest that a task force look into the cases – both to catch patterns of a possible serial killer and to clear up the backlog of cases."

California Faces Regulatory Battle Over Legal Hemp

The Orange County (CA) Register (5/14, Staggs) reports, "Another battle over local control of cannabis is about to roil California," but "this time, it's marijuana's mellow cousin, hemp, that's at the heart of disputes that engulf cities, counties and the state – and farmers who hope to grow the potentially lucrative crop." On April 30, "about two and a half years after California voters lifted a decades-long ban on the cultivation of industrial hemp, the California Department of Food and Agriculture abruptly

gave the go-ahead for farmers to register with counties for permission to grow hemp strains of cannabis, a plant that has virtually no trace of the compound in marijuana that makes consumers high." Farmers "thought they just needed to fill out the state's one-page registration form, pay a $900 annual fee, and get hemp seeds in the ground before the window closed on this year's planting season," but "state regulations left it up to agricultural commissioners for California's 58 counties to process hemp registration," and "those commissioners are coming up with their own interpretations of the state law, creating a patchwork of restrictive and often contradictory policies for hemp, not unlike the complex rules that exist for the marijuana industry."

OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

FBI Pays Tribute To Law Enforcement Officers, Agents Killed In Line Of Duty

WDVM-TV Washington (5/14, Dyches) reports from Manassas, Virginia, "During National Police Week the FBI is paying tribute to law enforcement officers and agents killed in the line of duty." WDVM-TV adds, "Thousands gathered at the national law enforcement memorial to honor those who lost their lives in the line of duty. Among those being remembered is Virginia State Trooper Johnny Rush Bowman," who "was unarmed at his home in Manassas on August 19, 1984, when he was killed. 'He was awoken in the middle of the night and as he opened the door he was violently stabbed and attacked approximately 45 times and eventually succumbed to his injuries,' Special Agent Charles Dayoub with the FBI's Criminal Division in Washington said." This week, the FBI "launched a national campaign highlighting investigations, like that of Trooper Bowman's death."

After Trooper Deaths, Illinois Lawmakers Push Bills To Stiffen Move-Over Fines

The Chicago Tribune (5/14, Petrella) reports, "After the deaths of two Illinois State Police troopers in roadside collisions this year, Gov. J.B. Pritzker and his state police director are joining a bipartisan group of lawmakers in backing legislation that would increase penalties for drivers who don't slow down or move over for vehicles on the side of the road." The proposal "would increase the minimum fine for a first violation of the move-over law, also known as Scott's Law, to $250 from $100," and "subsequent violations would carry a minimum fine of $750." Violators "also would be charged an additional $250 fee that would help fund education and enforcement of the law."

The Chicago Sun-Times (5/14, Sfondeles) reports, "Another bill would create a task force to study the causes of crashes and find ways to protect law enforcement and emergency workers." The Sun-Times adds, "In late March, the same week Pritzker and Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly urged the public to abide by 'Scott's Law,'" Trooper Brooke Jones-Story "was struck and killed by the driver of a semitrailer while she inspected another semitrailer on Route 20 in Freeport." Jones-Story "is one of three troopers killed so far this year, with another 13 troopers injured in crashes."

TECHNOLOGY

San Francisco Bans Police Use Of Facial Recognition Technology

The Los Angeles Times (5/14, Mehrotra) reports, "Concerned that some new surveillance technologies may be too intrusive, San Francisco became the first U.S. city to ban the use of facial recognition tools by its police and other municipal departments." The Board of Supervisors "approved the Stop Secret Surveillance ordinance Tuesday, culminating a reexamination of city policy that began with the false arrest of Denise Green in 2014." According to the Times, "Green's Lexus was misidentified as a stolen vehicle by an automated license-plate reader," and "she was pulled over by police, forced out of the car and onto her knees at gunpoint by six officers." San Francisco "spent $500,000 to settle lawsuits linked to her detention," and "since then, San Francisco officials determined flaws in the license-plate reader were just part of a wider potential for abuse with Big Brother-style surveillance capabilities."

GLOBAL SECURITY

Florida Ports To Practice Anti-Terrorism Drills

The South Florida Sun Sentinel (5/14, Roustan) reports, "Port Everglades, PortMiami and the Port of Palm Beach will be taking part in the regional Operation Heat Shield III anti-terrorism exercise designed to coordinate emergency response efforts in the wake of potential attacks targeting ports, but it's only a drill, law enforcement agencies said."

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